

General Education Committee
Minutes

January 26, 2011

Present: Bernie Quetchenbach Melinda Tilton
Kurt Toenjes Neil Suits
Mike Havens Matt Redinger
Mark Fenderson Neil Jussila
Michael Scarlett Elizabeth Fullon
Brent Roberts Nik Wong (student)
Rita Kratky (ex-officio)

Absent: Tom Regele

Presiding: Matt Redinger, Chairperson

Matt Redinger called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. in the Missouri room.

The minutes of November 17 were accepted as presented.

I. ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Item 34 LS 125 Research in the Information Age. Change course description

- Motion by Kurt Toenjes, seconded by Neil Suits to accept Item 34.

Brent Roberts noted that they have taken some of the jargon out of the course description and emphasized critical thinking skills.

- Motion carried.

II. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Enrollment Management Project Meetint Project Meetint Project Meetint Project Meetint accept Item

faculty input on "operationally defining the following components of the MSU Billings Mission: Strong Commitment to Teaching Excellence, Support for Individual Learning, and Engagement in Civic Responsibility."

It was cited that our commitment to teaching excellence is shown in student and peer reviews, faculty development funds, committees like the GEC and UCC which review curriculum, and engaging students in faculty research and scholarship. It was noted that engaging students in research and scholarship is also a support for individual learning. Other points to include in support for individual learning include funding for student research and travel, honors contracts, and independent study and capstone courses. Engagement in civic responsibility at MSUB covers a wide range, including community internships, the Chicks in Science and science fair events, the High Plains Bookfest, the campus art gallery, and the Library quilt show.

C. General Education Conference and/or Retreat

Dr. Redinger noted that this conference was first planned as a state-wide event in Missoula.

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Many of our seniors have sub-par reading and writing skills. This is not a situation unique to MSU Billings, but we can still talk about it.

The next meeting will be February 23.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rita J. Rabe Meduna.